Claim Amendments:

Please revise the claims of record, namely, claims 1-8, in the following manner:

Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool comprising

(a) a boom or arm for supporting the tool,

(b) a pendulum pivot supporting the tool with respect to the boom or arm in a manner which allows the tool to pendulate,

(c) self monitoring and operating dampening means for controlling the pendulation of the tool on the pendulum pivot with respect to the boom or arm.

2. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool according to claim 1 wherein the pendulum pivot comprises a first pivoted link supporting the tool from the boom and enabling it to swing in a first plane and a second pivoted link on a second plane at right angles to the first plane, and wherein the dampening means controls the pendulation of the tool relative to the boom in either plane.

3. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool according to claim 2 wherein the first pivoted link comprises a frame having two spaced lugs joined by a cross member, the lugs being pivotably connected to a yoke which provides a second pivotal link comprising a frame extending from the tool which is pivotably connected to said pair of spaced plates.

4. (Currently amended) A support structure for a tool according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein the dampening means ~~comprise~~ comprises rotary hydraulic actuators wherein pivot connections of the pendulum pivot are coupled to a rotor of the rotary hydraulic actuators.

5. (Previously presented) A support structure for a tool according to claim 4 wherein the dampening means includes a rotary

hydraulic actuator coupled to each pivot connection of the dampening means.

6. (Currently amended) A support structure for a tool according to ~~either~~ claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ wherein the rotary hydraulic actuators are sealed and include a closed-loop of hydraulic fluid that serves to dampen the rotation of the pivots.

7. (Currently amended) A support structure for a tool according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4 wherein the rotary hydraulic actuators includes grooves or flutes in the rotor housing, rotor, end plate of the motor, and/or in the pivoted connection.

8. (Previously presented) A method of dampening using a hydraulic rotary actuator the method comprising the steps of:

(a) coupling a rotary hydraulic actuator to a pivot connection, static or rotating element of a device,

(b) adapting the rotary hydraulic actuator to provide varying rotary resistance to the connection, or static or rotary element of the device.